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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO

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1. REFTEL A INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HEW SECRETARY JOSEPH A. CALIFANO, JR., IS TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO VISIT ISRAEL FROM NOVEMBER 12-15 IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION EXTENDED TO SECRETARY BY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE HAMMER DURING LATTER'S WASHINGTON VISIT (REFTEL B).

2. PROPOSED DATES ARE PROVISIONAL, AND DEPEND ON ACCEPTABILITY TO EMBASSY, GOI, AND HOSTS IN EGYPT (NOV. 8-12) AND POLAND (NOV. 15-19). HEW EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO CONFIRM DATES BY MID-SEPTEMBER.

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3. PLEASE CONSULT WITH GOI, AND PARTICULARLY MINISTER HAMMER, TO DETERMINE ACCEPTABILITY OF PROPOSED DATES FOR CALIFANO VISIT. HEW WELCOMES EMBASSY'S VIEW ON PROPOSED TRIP.

4. IF TIMING IS ACCEPTABLE, SECRETARY CALIFANO WILL WRITE TO HAMMER FORMALLY PROPOSING VISIT. LETTER WILL BE SENT TO

EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY.

5. IN PLANNING HIS OVERSEAS TRIPS, SECRETARY CALIFANO HAS ALWAYS FOUND IT USEFUL TO SEND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF ON AN ADVANCE VISIT. IF EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION, A SMALL ADVANCE TEAM WILL VISIT TEL AVIV TO MEET WITH EMBASSY STAFF AND GOI OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS PROGRAM PROPOSALS, LOGISTICS, SECURITY, ETC. DETAILS TO FOLLOW. CHRISTOPHER

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